



## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minute summary of the regular meeting of the City Council of Sierra Vista held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held, and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016

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Deputy City Clerk

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City Clerk

Sierra Vista City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2015

Mayor Mueller called the November 12, 2015 City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Roll Call

Mayor Rick Mueller – present  
Mayor Pro Tem Bob Blanchard – present  
Council Member Alesia Ash – absent  
Council Member Gwen Calhoun – present  
Council Member Rachel Gray – absent  
Council Member Hank Huisking – present  
Council Member Craig Mount – present

Others Present:

Chuck Potucek, City Manager  
Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager  
Adam Thrasher, Acting Police Chief  
Ron York, Fire Chief  
Sharon Flissar, Public Works Director  
Richard Cayer, Interim Transportation and Environmental Services Director  
Victoria Yarbrough, Leisure and Library Services Director  
Matt McLachlan, Community Development Director  
Abe Rubio, IT Director  
Judy Hector, PIO  
Pam Weir, Management Analyst  
Jill Adams, City Clerk  
Nathan Williams, City Attorney

Invocation – Mayor Pro Tem Blanchard conducted the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Huisking led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 1 Acceptance of the Agenda

Council Member Mount moved that the agenda for the Regular City Council Meeting of December 10, 2015, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

City Manager's Report - Mr. Potucek made the following announcements:

- The Veterans Memorial Park ADA Improvements grant funded project's bid closed on November 10<sup>th</sup> and three bids were received. KE& was awarded the bid and they have already begun work; and
- Wished everyone a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

In response to Council Member Calhoun, Mr. Potucek explained the ADA improvements are designed to improve accessibility to the various venues at Veterans Memorial Park, i.e., Centennial Pavilion, pool and playground equipment.

Item 2 Consent Agenda

Item 2.1 Approval of the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015;

Item 2.2 Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015;

Item 2.3 Resolution 2015–109, Fair/Festival License Application for Rhona MacMillan on behalf of Zarpara Vineyard to sell wine at the Farmers' Market on January 21, 2016, February 18, 2016 and March 17, 2016 at Veterans' Memorial Park

Council Member Mount moved that the Consent Agenda consisting of the Special City Council Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015; the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015; and Resolution 2015–109, a Fair/Festival License Application for Rhona MacMillan on behalf of Zarpara Vineyard to sell wine at the Farmers' Market on January 21, 2016, February 18, 2016 and March 17, 2016 at Veterans' Memorial Park, be approved. Council Member Huisking seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Public Hearing(s) – There was no response.

Item 3 Resolution 2015-110, Request for Development Code Amendments to Section 151.22.029, FH, Flood Hazard and declaring a 30-day comment period

Council Member Calhoun moved that Resolution 2015-110, Request for Development Code Amendments to Section 151.22.029, FH, Flood Hazard and declaring a 30-day comment period, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Blanchard seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan stated that this is a City initiated amendment to Section 151.22.029 of the Development Code relating to the City's Flood Hazard District. FEMA recently performed a physical map revision for portions of Cochise County that revise the flood insurance rate maps being effective on February 3, 2016. While there is no revised delineation of the floodplain boundary within the City limits there are portions that fall within the jurisdiction of Sierra Vista. Therefore, the City must bring its floodplain ordinance into conformance with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program requirements prior to the effective date of the new floodplain.

The required amendments will primarily relate to relocating definitions, updating citations and references and clarifying existing standards that were provided by the Arizona Department of Water Resources which have been incorporated into the resolution.

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this item on November 17<sup>th</sup> and they unanimously approved to recommend approval. There was no public comment and the Planning and Zoning Meeting and Council Meeting were both advertised in the Sierra Vista Herald with the Ordinance being available for public inspection both in the Clerk's Office and the City's website.

The overriding purpose of the Floodplain Management Ordinance is to ensure that communities take into account flood hazards and all official actions relating to land management and use.

In response to Mayor Mueller, Mr. McLachlan stated that there was a public hearing, no one attended and there were no comments received.

Council Member Calhoun asked if anyone is currently being directly affected by the changes. Mr. McLachlan stated that they would be directly affected if the City did not proceed to adopt the ordinance because the City would fall out of compliance with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program. Therefore, it is critical that the City proceed to adopt the ordinance.

Council Member Calhoun asked if there would be no changes to insurance that people currently carry. Mr. McLachlan stated that the proposed amendments will ensure that they can continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

#### New Business

##### Item 4 Resolution 2015-111, naming the Pilot's Lounge at the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport

Council Member Huisking moved that Resolution 2015-111, naming the pilot's lounge at the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport after Richard "Dick" McColley in his honor and memory, be approved. Mayor Pro Tem Blanchard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

John Voishan, Airport Commissioner, spoke highly of Dick McColley and shared pictures of the Navajo Christmas Airlift.

In response to Council Member Calhoun, Mr. Voishan stated that the airlifts started in 1985.

Greg McColley, Dick McColley's son, thanked Council for the proposal and spoke about his father's endeavors.

Mayor Mueller thanked Mr. Greg McColley and noted that his father made a lasting contribution to the community.

##### Item 5 Resolution 2015-112, Appointment of Ron Faulkner to the Environmental Affairs Commission, said term to expire August 26, 2017

Council Member Huisking moved that Resolution 2015-112, Appointment of Ron Faulkner to the Environmental Affairs Commission, said term to expire August 26, 2017, be approved. Council Member Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Council Member Huisking stated that Mr. Faulkner will be a great addition.

Call to the Public – There was no response.

#### Comments and Requests of the Council

Council Member Huisking encouraged people to attend the Farmer's Market, which is open regardless of the weather; announced the upcoming Tour of Homes on Fort Huachuca; wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked people for their support.

Council Member Mount stated that he is not in support of the National Citizen Survey and noted that during the work session he asked if there was any way to delay it and the answer was that it was already in the budget. Therefore, during the last two evenings he did some research on what this was and how it all connects together. There is, in their own pricing schedule with this private company, a clause that states that for \$700 they can provide a refund and cancel before any work is done and it is worth exploring. Some of the reasons why he would like for Council to reconsider this:

- \$17,900 that the City can use for something else;
- City can go out and talk to the public, which is essentially what the survey is all about;
- The data that is received for the one time pop of that cost is going to be between 300 and 350 and that implies that it is necessary to do data over time, continuous surveys at \$17,900 just to find out what the public wants; and
- It is Council's job to find out what the public wants and the biggest indication of how well the City is doing is during the elections.

Council Member Mount stated that the City faces so many challenges that require funding that can help out solve immediate problems and he believes that this should be the Council's emphasis and priority. There are more concerns that he has; but they are negative and he does not want to get into that now because the City is not at the point so instead he appealed to the referent nature of the Council to give that some thought and go out to the public and ask what could Council do with that amount of money right now to help out the people as opposed to waiting, quite literally for a few years to come about, to get enough data to determine whether or not things are happening. It would be great if the City was in a better economic situation and Council could start with reinforcing success; but the City is not and the City is struggling to find money to help people do things, i.e., the cleanup of streets, highways and alleyways. Those are things that Council can do with that kind of money.

In closing, he asked Council, staff and the public to consider this and wished everyone a great Christmas Season Holiday. He also noted that he will have a lot of New Year's resolutions that he will be thinking about as to how to be a better council person; but he does appreciate everybody's hard work this year.

Council Member Calhoun wished everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season; commented on Darrin Stensby's presentation on recycling to the ViperNetics Lego Robotic Team, Districts' champion in Lego robotics; and also thanked the staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanchard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a good holiday.

Mayor Mueller thanked staff and the leadership of the City on behalf of the Council and the citizens of Sierra Vista for all of the good work this past year; wished everyone a Happy New Year, Happy Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukah and noted that he is very pleased to see that the City is now large enough for the local Jewish community to actually get together and put a menorah in the park; reported on the Bisbee Economic Forum and noted that the County numbers look good compared to previous times; congratulated Mr. Faulkner on his appointment, and thanked Mr. Greg McColey for honoring his father with Council.

Adjournment

Mayor Mueller adjourned the December 10, 2015 meeting of the Sierra Vista City Council at 5:29 p.m.

  
Mayor Frederick W. Mueller

Minutes prepared by:

Attest:

  
Maria G. Marsh, Deputy Clerk

  
Jill Adams, City Clerk